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Applicants: Steven G. Fry, Shantanu Sarkar
Assignee: Cisco Technology, Inc.
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 17, 2003. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 29 of this paper.



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate);
- (3) Response To Non-Final Office Action (39 pages);
- (4) One (1) page Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (Fig. 1); and
- (5) One (1) page Replacement Page (Fig. 1).



No additional fee is required.



The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED (fees computed under 37 CFR §1.9(f))

	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>		Rate		Additional <u>Fee</u>
Total Claims	106	Minus	102	=	4	x	\$ 18.00	\$	72.00
Independent Claims	16	Minus	15	=	1	x	\$ 86.00	\$	86.00

Total additional fee for this Amendment:

\$ 158.00



Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.



Please charge our Deposit Account No. 502306 in the amount of

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